GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FAKE PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of fake passports by Indians posing problems to the authorities in Europe and America has been on the rise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received complaints from some countries in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this connection?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Complaints received relate only to persons found without travel documents.

(d) In cases where touts or recruitment agents are found to be involved in illegal immigration rackets, the respective state governments are asked to take immediate action against these touts/agents. The affected persons are also advised to file FIRs against the touts/agents.